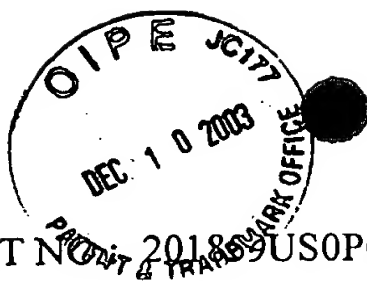


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Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated September 11, 2003, Applicants request that the Examiner provide acknowledgment that the references cited on the International Search Report filed on January 16, 2001 has been considered. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with an *initialed* copy of Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the International Search Report as filed along with a copy of the references for which acknowledgement is requested and the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely filing thereof.

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An early and favorable indication that the Information Disclosure Statement has been considered is kindly solicited.

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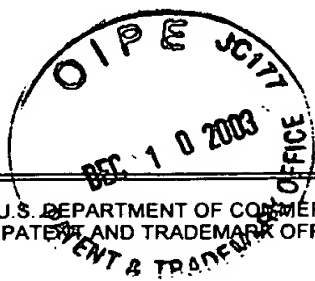
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